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PLAN DELTA AND POSSIBLE MOVE TO BRUNSSUM OF NATO AEW PROGRAM
MANAGMENT AGENCY (NAPMA)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VARIOUS ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE POSSIBLE
MOVES INTO AND OUT OF BRUNSSUM INVOLVING NAPMA AND PLAN
DELTA WITH VIDAR WIKBERG, MFA DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATO
AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 7. WIKBERG, AFTER
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QUICK TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND WITH OTHER OFFICERS IN THE
MFA, SAID THAT THE GON HAD NO HARD VIEWS ON THE
SUBJECT. THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE SHIFT OF NAPMA FROM
BRUSSELS WERE BASED ENTIRELY ON PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS--
I.E. THAT IT WAS MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE THE OFFICE
IN BRUSSELS THAN IN BRUNSSUM. HOWEVER, HE FULLY

AGREED THAT THE LARGER ISSUE OF INSURING ALLIED
(I.E. BELIGIA) SUPPORT FOR THE AWACS PROGRAM TOOK
PRIORITY.THEREFOR,IF THE MAJORITY ALLIED VIEW
FAVORED CANCELLING PLAN DELTA AND MOVING THE NAPMA TO
BRUNSSUM, THE NORWEGIANS WOULD GO ALONG. HOWEVER, THE
GON WOULD HESITATE IN TAKING A POSITION THAT WAS
PERCEIVED BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AS HARMING ITS
INTERESTS.

2. WIKBERG ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPING
USG THOUGHT ON THE SUBJECT AND ON THE POSITION ULTIMATELY
ADOPTED. THE INFERENCE WAS THAT IF WE COULD CLEARLY
JUSTIFY THE STANCE FINALLY TAKEN THAT HE WOULD BE ALBE TO
WIN OVER WHATEVER LINGERING OPPOSITION THERE MIGHT BE IN
THE MFA AND MOD.

3. ACTION REQUEST: WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT
INFING US ON ANY MESSAGES DEALING WITH THE PLAN DELTA/
BRUNSSUM/NAPMA MOVE.
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